में कृषकों की समस्याओं पर विचार करने के लिए सरकार समय-समय पर अध्ययन आयोजित करती रही है ।

(ख) और (ग) सरकार की यह नीति है कि विभिन्न खाद्य जिन्सों तथा अन्य वस्तुओं, जिनमें कृषि में आदान के रूप में उपयोग में लाई जाने वाली वस्तुएं शामिल हैं, की कीमतों को स्थिर रखा जाए । सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली का मुख्य उद्देश्य उपभोक्ताओं, खास तौर से छोटे और सीमांत कृषकों सहित देश के कमजोर वर्गों को उचित मूल्य पर खाद्यान्न की आपूर्ति में मदद करना है । गांवों में अथवा उनके निकट रहने वाले कृषकों को आदानों की उपलब्धता सुनिश्चित करने के लिए प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं ।

Supply of Milk by Delhi Milk Scheme

761. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Milk Scheme has been supplying milk prepared from skimmed milk;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Delhi Milk Scheme has stopped to procure fresh milk from the open market; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) supplies toned/double toned milk by standardising fat and solids-not-fat (SNF) received from mixed milk/cow milk. The additional quantities of fat and SNF are taken from white butter/butter oil and skimmed milk powder/skimmed milk. In order to consume the stocks of available milk fat, DMS had to resort to reconstitution of milk with Skimmed Milk Powder. However, due to non-availability of adequate quantity of SMP, DMS had to procure skimmed milk as a substitute of skimmed milk powder.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to (c) above.

Money disbursed under Crop Insurance Scheme in Maharashtra

762. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of money disbursed during the last three years under the Crop Insurance Schme in Maharashtra; and

(b) the number of farmers who have benefited under the C.I.S. during this period in Maharashtra ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The total amount of indemnity claims paid and number of farmers benefited during the last three years in Maharashtra under the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Schme (CCIS) are as follows :—

Year	Claims Paid (Rs. in lakhs)	Total No. of farmers benefited
1989-90	84.40	25584
1990-91	89.16	23276
1991-92	2005.40	348618